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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Toshihiko OBA

Serial No. 09/673,360

Filing Date: October 16, 2000

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METHOD AND APPARATUS

Examiner NOLAN, Daniel A.

Group Art Unit No. 2655

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 19, 2002, Applicant has timely filed this Amendment by Certificate of Mailing. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the objections and rejections to this application and to grant allowance of this Application in view of the following remarks and amended claims.

Please amend this application as follows: